



## 2016 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2016  
7:00 PM**

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**Selectboard Members Present:** Tom Fontaine, Chair, Lauri Fisher, Vice-Chair, Randy DeVine, Leebeth Ann Lemieux and Duane Leach.

**Staff Present:** Deb Woodward, TC & Treasurer, Amber Soter, Zoning Administrator, Amy Sears, Utility Manager and Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst.

**Public Present:** Please see sign-in sheet - attached.

**Call to Order:** Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Minutes:**

2.1.16: Randy motion to accept the 2.1.16 minutes as written. Lauri asked to make a change on the first page, last sentence, in reference to the definition of a farm exemption, per statute. The change was noted. Lauri seconded the motion with the amendment. The motion carried, vote 5-0.

**Orders & Payroll:** Duane reviewed the orders for the Utility Department and Randy reviewed the Town - which were approved by the Board.

**Public Comment/Correspondence:** N/A

**Jasen Boyd and Rachelle LeVeau, School Board**

Jasen and Rachelle are here this evening to share with the SelectBoard the school's vision for preparing the school for the next 20-30 years. A committee has been involved with exploring the needs, wants and safety issues. They are proposing removing the town library from the school to open up space. A site plan was presented of one of the proposals for the SB's review. Other options as well as monetary costs and increasing/decreasing class size were discussed as well as the effects of Act 46. The Board thanked Jasen and Rachelle for coming in.

**Amber Soter, Zoning Administrator**

Amber is here this evening to report on activity in the zoning department from January 1 through to February 15<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Commission is currently investigating the forming of an energy committee. Since local information on the use of energy is limited, an energy coordinator or committee may be able to collect valuable data to further energy planning in town. The new bylaws will address ground mounted solar arrays with hearings run by the PC. A screening ordinance will be written which would apply to solar arrays and other commercial development. Amber thought that a slide presentation at town meeting would be informative as well as put something on the town's website.

**Amy Sears, Utility Manager**

Amy presents this evening to the Board with a Profit and Loss Budget. The sprinkler application, "Fire Suppression/Sprinkler System Application Permit" went to the town's attorney for review. Amy stated that we already have our first applicant for a project located at OA0056. The engineer for the project has contacted Amy. She was told that the two buildings aren't drawn up yet. She asked the engineer to send any information that he currently has. The permit states total sprinkler heads of 115. The Board would like the approved plan on file in the town thirty days prior to construction. When the project is complete any changes/revisions should also be on file. Lauri asked the Board if the Fire Department should also sign off on the project/permit - which the Board agreed.

\*Lauri moved to approve the application of February 9<sup>th</sup> from Franklin South, LLC/DDH-GSH Trust for the "fire suppression/sprinkler system application permit on condition that it's reviewed by David Raymond, Fire Department, or someone with the education of the local fire department, prior to giving it back to the applicant. Leebeth seconded. The motion carried, vote 5-0.

The Profit and Loss Budget report was reviewed. Ty Sales has given an updated quote for meters with register heads and computer. Amy stated that the quote (\$80,000) has gone up from the previous one as the technology of the meters has improved. Amy will look into financing options.

**Other Business:**

1. The informational meetings on the trash/recycling contract as well as the article itself, held on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, was opened for discussion. Tom asked the Board what their thoughts were on the topic. Randy felt that we had made our contacts. A resident asked if we could go to every other week pick-up. Tom felt that we could renegotiate the terms of the contract. It was suggested that a slide presentation at town meeting with the options and costs associated for comparison would be a good idea. Conclusion: It was decided to go with what was planned and talk to Casella regarding various options.
2. A liquor license renewal has been received. The renewal was not completely filled out so it will be returned to the applicant.
3. Weight Ordinance: Peter King has revised his previous version of a Weight Ordinance he has written. Clarification of the time period the permit covers. The roads are posted in Feb./March through May 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Road Foreman's discretion. The permit is good for one year from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. The fee for a single vehicle is \$5 and \$10 for a fleet of vehicles.

\*Lauri moved that we approve the ordinance for the regulation of the vehicle weight limits on town highways as proposed by the town constable, Peter King, and reviewed by the road foreman with the one change that we put the beginning date in Article 3 so that we understand the term is from what to what. Randy seconded the motion. The motion - so moved, vote 5-0.

4. 2016 Payroll - The new payroll schedule with a 2% increase was reviewed. The new payroll schedule will be effective upon the approval of the town's budget in March.

5. An employee has filed for Unemployment benefits. It was agreed by consensus of the Board to file a denial of benefits with the Department of Labor .

6. A letter was received from the Town Constable, Peter King, on mileage reimbursement.

**Adjourn:**

9:25 PM: Lauri motioned to adjourn with a second from Duane. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. Tom, Lauri and Leebeth will meet on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. to review the presentation for town meeting.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

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Tom Fontaine, Chair  
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